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In re Patent Application of:  
Stephen M. COUTTS et al.

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Art Unit: 1654

For: CONJUGATES OF CHEMICALLY DEFINED  
NON-POLYMERIC VALENCY PLATFORM  
MOLECULES AND BIOLOGICALLY  
ACTIVE MOLECULES (AS AMENDED)

Examiner: D. Lukton

### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

#### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 28, 2005, (Paper No. 20051101), for which a response was due on February 28, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for three months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 28, 2006. May 28, 2006 is a Sunday and Monday, May 29, 2006 is Memorial Day, a Federal holiday under 5 U.S.C. 6103(a). Accordingly, this response filed Tuesday, May 30, 2006 is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19 of this paper.